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FOR AMBASSADOR YOUNG

FOLLOWING REPEAT GABORONE 1889 ACTION SECSTATE

INFO DAR ES SALAAM LONDON LUSAKA MAPUTO PRETORIA 17 AUG 77

QUOTE

C O N F I D E N T I A L GABORONE 1889

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PGOV XJ BC

SUBJECT: POSSIBLE FRONTLINE STATES MEETING IN LUSAKA

1. EXTAFF MIN MOGWE SOUGHT ME OUT AT SOCIAL GATHERING AUGUST 16 TO ASK ABOUT STATUS OF MEETING OF FRONTLINE PRESIDENTS WITH FONSEC OWEN AND AMBASSADOR ANDREW YOUNG. MOGWE SAID VICE PRESIDENT MASIRE AND HE HAD BEEN ASKED TO "STAND BY" AND BE PREPARED TO GO TO LUSAKA BY AUGUST 20 AND THEN HAD HEARD NOTHING FURTHER. THIS LEFT MASIRE IMMOBILIZED AND UNABLE TO SCHEDULE OTHER ENGAGEMENTS AS ACTING PRESIDENT (ON AUGUST 16, PRESIDENT KHAMA DEPARTED FOR ONE WEEK'S LEAVE AT HIS FARM 200 MILES FROM GABORONE) AND HE (MOGWE) HAD BEEN TOLD TO ATTEND ANTI-APARTHEID MEETING IN LAGOS BEGINNING AUGUST 22.

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2. MOGWE SAID HIS STAFF FOUND IT IMPOSSIBLE TO SCHEDULE TRAVEL FROM LUSAKA TO LAGOS IN TIME FOR THE ANTI-APARTHEID CONFERENCE OPENING. MOGWE SAID HE WOULD BE MOST GRATEFUL IF HE COULD HITCH A RIDE FROM LUSAKA TO LAGOS WITH AMBASSADOR YOUNG. HE REALIZED HE WOULD NOT BE ALONE AMONG PARTICIPANTS AT LUSAKA MEETING (ASSUMING IT

IS HELD) DESIRING TO GO DIRECTLY TO LAGOS BUT IT WOULD BE OF "TREMENDOUS ASSISTANCE" IF AMBASSADOR YOUNG COULD ACCOMMODATE HIM. (MOGWE EMPHASIZED HE WOULD BE ALONE, I.E., NEITHER STAFF AIDE NOR WIFE ACCOMPANYING.)

3. SPECULATING ON POSSIBLE REASONS FOR "SUDDEN SILENCE" RE LUSAKA MEETING, MOGWE SAID HE HAD HEARD (A) THAT PRESIDENT MACHEL HAD STATED THAT "PATRIOTIC FRONT REPRESENTS THE PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE" (A STATEMENT MOGWE FOUND "INEXPLICABLE"), AND (B) THAT PRESIDENT NYERERE HAD FOUND UK "LESS ENTHUSIASTIC" THAN U.S. CONCERNING ANGLO-AMERICAN INITIATIVE. HE WONDERED WHETHER THESE STATEMENTS MIGHT INDICATE THAT SOME SERIOUS HITCH HAD DEVELOPED.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: REPLY BY IMMEDIATE CABLE TO EXTAFF MIN MOGWE'S INQUIRIES RE STATUS OF LUSAKA MEETING IF STILL SCHEDULED, AND WHETHER AMBASSADOR YOUNG WOULD HAVE SPACE TO TAKE HIM TO LAGOS. WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE ANY COMMENTS. DEPARTMENT MIGHT HAVE ON THE BACKGROUND OR PROSPECTS FOR LUSAKA MEETING. NORLAND. UNQUOTE VANCE".

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